GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AIRPORT AT PONDICHERRY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the closure of a mini airport functioning at Pondicherry;

(b) whether the Government propose to re-establishing the airport at Pondicherry in view of the increasing demand for air facilities in the context of growing tourism and industrial needs; and

(c) if so, the action proposed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) The airport at Pondicherry is fully operational. At present, only non-scheduled flights and flying club are operating at this airport.

(b) and (c) There is no plan at present to upgrade this airport due to non-commitment of any airline to commence scheduled services to this airport.